

## Wisconsin firm lauded

Former Secretary of Defense William J. Perry recognized a Wisconsin-based transportation company for outstanding support as an employer of National Guard and Reserve members.

Schneider National, based in Green Bay, received the first national "Employer Support Freedom Award" Nov. 4 at a Pentagon ceremony.

"This award was established to recognize sacrifices made by employers and to honor those companies who have gone the extra mile to support our Reservists and their families," said Perry.

The award is sponsored by the

National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR), which has 55 state-level committees.

Schneider National assigns a company sponsor to families of deployed service members. If the employee deploys for at least six months, the company provides a benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision and life insurance. Family members also can use company telephones to call deployed employees at no cost.

"Our associates in the National Guard and Reserve make a tremendous sacrifice during times of national need. We as a company will do everything possible to support these associates and their families."

Don Schneider President, Schneider National Of the 15,000 workers at Schneider, over 1,000 serve in the National Guard or Reserve.

"The military is an excellent training ground for building discipline," said Don Schneider, president of Schneider National. "Discipline is something all of us in logistics must have to get our jobs done."

NCESGR also honored four regional winners:

- United Parcel Service, Central Florida District, Orlando, Fla.
  - McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, St. Louis, Mo.
  - Tektronix Inc., Wilsonville, Ore.
  - National Life, an insurance company in Montpelier, Vt.